

The Lancaster News.

VOL. 8, NO. 63, SEMI-WEEKLY.

LANCASTER, S. C., FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1913.

\$1.50 PER YEAR.

COTTON MILL MEN ARE NOT STIRRED

Protests Against Tariff Bill Artificial, So Declares Aiken—South Carolina Congressman Inclined to Believe Manufacturers' Prayers Are Mechanical.

Washington, May 8.—During the past week the South Carolina members of Congress have received numbers of telegrams from cotton manufacturers in the South protesting against the passage of the Underwood tariff bill. Most of these telegrams have been identical in wording, although signed by different persons, and this has led the members of Congress to believe that the telegrams have been sent from some central source, and that as a rule the individual cotton mill men are not worrying very much over the actual effects of the bill.

In discussing the receipt of these telegrams Representative Wyatt Aiken said:

"President Wilson and this Democratic Congress were elected on a platform which promised that they would revise the tariff downward. That promise was repeated on every stump in the country in the campaign last summer and fall. The Underwood bill was prepared by the ways and means committee and submitted to the Democratic caucus of the house and was approved by the caucus by a vote so overwhelming as to be practically unanimous. So that the Democratic members of the house are doubly bound, by the platform and by the caucus, to vote for it. And I am frank to say that even if I were not bound, I would still vote for it, for I believe it is a good bill and a just one, framed in the interests of the people and will give them relief. If there is a temporary depression it will be because of speculation, and not by reason of the actual effects of the bill."

"As to the cotton schedule. The tariff duties on many lines of cotton goods will be reduced, but the reduction in the schedule will not be greater than the reductions in other schedules. The cotton manufacturers of the South can not in good faith ask that they be given special privileges, and we could not give it to them if they should ask for it. But I am quite sure the lowering of the duties on cotton goods will not hurt the mills to the extent that some of their pleaders would have us believe. Many of the mills in South Carolina now ship entire output to Asiatic countries and have been doing so for a long time. They are underselling European mills in order to do this, and I fail to see how a reduction of the duties on imports can affect them. Only a few weeks ago a South Carolina mill sold 20,000 bales of goods to the Red Sea territory. This is almost at the doors of the European mills. The South Carolina manufacturer evidently undersold them, and yet he will have to ship his goods half way around the world. How is a reduction of the tariff going to affect a condition of this kind?"

"I saw a statement the other day to the effect that the price of raw cotton had dropped \$5 a bale because of the Underwood tariff bill. Such a decline has not been warranted by the actual facts. We have had speculation in cotton under a high tariff system; in fact, cotton was at its lowest price during a reign of the high tariff. It may be that cotton speculators will try to use the tariff bill to unduly depress the price of cotton. I hope and believe none of the South Carolina mill men will lend themselves to such a scheme if it should be started, if, indeed, it has not already started. But if such a movement is on foot it must not be laid at the door of the tariff bill, for the farmers of the South will surely remember the violent fluctuations in the price only a few years ago, under the high tariff system."

"But this effort to depress the price of cotton may be made, and now is a good time to make a suggestion that has been made often before to the farmers, and that is that the cotton crop this year should not be too large, and that it should be produced at a minimum of cost. It is not too late for most farmers to reduce their cotton acreage to some extent and to plan for more food crops. During the past few years the farmers of the South have profited vastly by organization and better methods of handling the cotton crop, and it will be suicidal for them to become careless now. Of course all this has been told the farmers time and again before, but it seems to me that it is especially applicable at this time. It looks as if a bear campaign is being planned, and our people should begin to prepare for it now. The farmers of the South can control the price of cotton next fall, but in order to do so they must begin their preparations now."

New Enterprise For Lancaster.
Messrs. R. L. Collins and A. J. Gregory have formed a partnership under the firm name of Collins & Gregory, for the purpose of selling farm lands in this and other counties in South Carolina. The idea is to induce a good class of farmers from the Northwestern states to come to a better section of the country. The firm is circulating attractive folders in which property controlled by them is listed.

TARIFF MEASURE PASSED BY HOUSE

Two Opposing Parties Make Final Effort in Vain to Add Amendments.

Washington, May 8.—The Underwood tariff bill, proclaimed by the Democratic party as the answer to its platform pledge to revise the tariff downward, was passed by the house late today. The vote was 281 to 139, five Democrats, voting against the bill and two Republicans voting for it. Four Progressives supported the bill and 14 opposed it, while independent Progressive joined with the majority.

When Speaker Clark announced the vote in low tones that revealed his satisfaction in the arrival of the day he long had sought, exuberant Democrats hoisted a stuffed Democratic donkey over the heads of their colleagues in the rear of the chamber, a faint ripple of applause followed and the gavel fell on the first chapter in the history of President Wilson's extra session of Congress.

With the bill after a month's consideration on its way to the senate there was a rush of representatives for their homes tonight. In the house adjournment will be taken at a time beginning next week until June 1. In the meantime the senate finance committee will study the bill while the house ways and means committee will organize committees preparatory to the transaction of business next month.

Republicans and Progressives led respectively by Representatives Mann and Murdock protested to the last against the measure, the lowest tariff bill ever written, and proclaiming as the Democratic avalanche bowled them over the virtues of different tariff commission plans.

Social News

The following invitations were received here today:

Graduating Piano Recital by Miss Eliza Witherspoon Wylie Friday evening, May the sixteenth Nineteen Hundred and thirteen eight-thirty o'clock College for Women Columbia, South Carolina.

Mrs. Mary H. Barron entertained the Bridge Club very pleasantly Wednesday afternoon. Two tables enjoyed the games. Mrs. A. P. McLure, scoring highest, received first prize, a pair of silk stockings, while Miss Mary Hood cut the consolation, a dainty fan. After the games, cake, ice cream and mints were served. Aside from the members present, the others enjoying Mrs. Barron's hospitality were: Mesdames C. W. Jones, Latta Hood, J. T. Wylie and Miss Mary Hood.

The Friday Afternoon Book Club will meet this afternoon at the home of its charming president, Mrs. T. Y. Williams.

CHESTER ELECTIONS.

William J. Simpson Elected Mayor Without Opposition—New Body Sworn in at Once.

Chester Special to Columbia State, May 7.—The election for a mayor and five aldermen was held in Chester yesterday. William J. Simpson was chosen mayor without opposition, receiving 409. Aldermen were elected as follows: Ward 1, John M. Hemphill, no opposition; Ward 2, John T. Penz, 45; J. M. Coleman, 33; Ward 3, John C. Stewart, 100; Arthur W. Davis, 54; Ward 4, (long term), James W. Fletcher, 56; R. P. Sessions, 108; Ward 4 (short term), vacancy caused by Z. V. Davidson's resignation a few weeks ago), Joseph B. Wylie, 69; J. A. Nichols, 98.

The new mayor and aldermen were sworn in last night. The new council decided to put off the election of city officials until next Tuesday.

Yesterday's election passed off quietly.

REWARDS OF \$2,500 OFFERED.

Governor Blease Announces Reward of \$500 For Negro Murderer and Four Other Townships Take Similar Action.

Governor Blease Tuesday offered a \$500 reward for the dead or alive body of Richard Henry Austin, the triple negro murderer, who did to death last Wednesday J. Frank Bowers, Fred H. Edenfield and Dr. S. C. Moore and wounded two other white men. The proclamation specifies that the reward will be paid for the body of Austin "just so there is enough of it to be recognized as him."

With the reward offered by the governor Tuesday, the turning over of the body of Austin either to the sheriff of Hampton county or the sheriff of Barnwell county will mean that some one will receive \$2,500. The towns of Allendale, Fairfax, Hampton and Luray have each offered \$500 reward.—The Record.

Charleston Postmaster Dies at Sea.

Postmaster Wilmet L. Harris of Charleston died at noon Tuesday on board the Clyde line steamer Mohawk en route to New York, where he was going to consult a specialist.

JAPAN'S PROTEST TO BE PRESENTED

Baron Chinda Will Call on Secretary Bryan—Delay May Be Help Possible That American Department Will Be Able to Frame Committee.

Washington, May 7.—First among Secretary Bryan's callers when he reaches Washington from Sacramento tomorrow morning probably will be Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador. It has been as-

serted that the ambassador has been awaiting this opportunity to deliver personally to the secretary of state a protest from his government against the California alien land legislation, but it is believed the first effort of the ambassador will be to get from the secretary some idea of what the administration proposes to do after Governor Johnson signs the land bill, as it is generally expected he will do. Before answering this question, however, Mr. Bryan must report and confer with President Wilson regarding his California mission, so he probably will suggest that his conference with Viscount Chinda be postponed for a short time.

It is well understood that the effect of this will be simply to delay the presentation of the Japanese protest unless Secretary Bryan is able to suggest some means of dealing with the present phase of the question that will make the protest unnecessary. This, it is believed, might take the form of a proposal to negotiate a new treaty to replace the existing one. A new treaty expressly disclaiming the right of citizens of either country to acquire real property in the other might meet the needs of the case and save Japanese pride by removing ground for the charge of discrimination. This, it is pointed out, would work hardship upon American mission interests, and some large business concessions which now hold real estate in Japan under the superficies law, a modified form of the American ground rate system.

REV. JAMES McDOWELL DEAD.

Beloved Minister Expires at Yorkville—Funeral at Sumter Thursday.

Sumter Special to Charleston News and Courier, May 7.—News was received here this morning of the death at Yorkville, where he had been ill for several weeks, of the Rev. James McDowell, one of the well known Presbyterian ministers of the state. He was 81 years of age.

The body will be brought to Sumter tomorrow morning and the funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock. All of the banks and stores of the city will be closed at this hour as a mark of respect for the deceased, who was for many years a loved and revered citizen of Sumter.

During the War Between the States Mr. McDowell was chaplain in the Sixth South Carolina Regiment, the Palmetto Sharpshooters, and surrendered with Lee at Appomattox.

He was twice married, first in 1856, to Miss Mary Witherspoon, of Sumter. Three children blessed this union—Mrs. E. M. Seabrook, of Edisto Island; Dr. James D. McDowell of Yorkville, and Mrs. C. M. Richards, of Davidson College, all of whom survive him. Late in life he married Miss Belle Lachicotte, of Georgetown county, and for nine years she brightened his declining years before she was claimed by death. There were no children by their marriage.

A Runaway Team.

A runaway team on Main street Wednesday caused considerable excitement to those who witnessed its mad flight. Two colored youths accompanied by their lasses were driving around town in a new survey pulled by two nice horses belonging to Steele & Cunningham, when the horses took fright and commenced running north. The occupants of the conveyance were thrown out and the horses continued their flight up the Charlotte road. They were not stopped until they had crossed the new concrete bridge over Glills creek. One of the colored women had an arm sprained. The horses did not fare so well. One of them is badly cut up about the legs and feet and is about done for. The survey also was badly damaged.

Commons Reject Equal Suffrage.

London, May 7.—The fate of the women's suffrage bill was sealed last night by the votes of more than 50 Irish Nationalists, whereby it was sought to enfranchise six million women, was rejected by a majority of 47; the vote stood 266 to 219.

Methodist Church to Reopen Sunday.
The repairs on the Methodist church are about completed. The church will be reopened for worship Sunday morning. The services will be conducted by Rev. H. W. Bays, D. D. of Rock Hill, who was at one time presiding elder here. His visits are always enjoyed by the Methodist congregation. He is a great favorite in Lancaster.

At night at 8 o'clock the congregations of the A. R. P., Baptist and Presbyterian churches will worship with the Methodist congregation. All are cordially welcome. Dr. Bays will again conduct the service.

SMITH ASSUMES EXALTED OFFICE

Formally Inducted as Head of Washington and Lee—The Future College.

Lexington, Va., May 8.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of educators, Dr. Henry Louis Smith was formally inducted into office yesterday as president of Washington and Lee University. The mission of the American college tomorrow formed the theme of Dr. Smith's inaugural address.

The exercises were held in Lee Memorial chapel at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A procession formed at Carnegie library and marched to the chapel, headed by Dr. Smith and Dr. Glens B. Stickler, the rector, of Richmond, Va. They were followed by the board of trustees, representatives of various colleges, visitors, alumni, faculty and students.

Dr. Stickler presided at the exercises and the invocation was delivered by the Rev. William M. Morrison, African missionary. The opening address was made by Dr. George H. Denny, former president of the college. Dr. Stickler then delivered the charge and turned over the keys to Dr. Smith, who followed with his inaugural address.

"If the American college is to repeat in the twentieth century the inestimable service it rendered to American civilization in the nineteenth century," declared Dr. Smith in his address, "it must recognize the dawn of a new era, bring this period of turmoil and readjustment to a close before its place is usurped or its virility weakened to the need and the call of a new social and civic order."

"The master word of the eighteenth century was liberty," he continued; "of the nineteenth, knowledge. The master word of the twentieth blends both into a richer and nobler ideal. It is citizenship, the keynote of a new era, in which human duties and the rights of others shall take precedence of individual liberty and the power of knowledge and the gains of research shall be dedicated to the common good."

Following the formal ceremonies an inaugural luncheon was given when speeches were made by visiting university and college presidents.

Last night Dr. Smith held a public reception at his residence.

COLLECTOR OF NEW YORK PORT

John Purroy Mitchell to Succeed William Loeb, Jr.

Washington, May 7.—John Purroy Mitchell, independent Democrat and president of the board of aldermen of New York city, was nominated today by President Wilson to be collector of the port of New York to succeed William Loeb, Jr. This selection brought what the White House termed "a happy solution" to a contest in which New York State leaders of every wing of the party had taken a lively part for the last two months.

Candidates for the post, which pays \$12,000 and carries with it the appointment of any army employee in the country's biggest custom house, were numerous from the start. Recently the President practically determined to appoint Frank K. Polk, a friend of Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury department, but Senator O'Gorman interposed objection declaring a more active Democrat should get the place.

For a time political circles expected a break between the administration and the New York Senator, within the last two days, however, friends of Mr. Mitchell, whose candidacy had been dropped at his own wish a month ago, renewed their efforts in his behalf and when the President went to the Capitol today to talk with Senator O'Gorman about it, the New York Senator himself suggested Mr. Mitchell as the best man for the position. The President was gratified to find that Mr. McAdoo, who originally had favored Mr. Mitchell, and Senator O'Gorman and himself were in agreement, and he promptly sent the name to the senate.

Becomes Member of New Firm.

Mr. J. Oscar Williams of New York, son of Judge D. A. Williams, formerly a member of the firm of Daniel O'Dell & Co., has become associated with the firm of Hayden, Stone & Co., 25 Broad street, New York, as the following engraved announcement received today in Lancaster will show:

Hayden, Stone & Co.
25 Broad street,
New York.
Hayden, Stone & Co. beg to announce that Mr. James Oscar Williams, formerly a member of the firm of Daniel O'Dell & Co., has this day become associated with them.
May 1st, 1913.

\$1,000,000 Institute For Study of Tuberculosis Opened.

Philadelphia, May 8.—The formal opening of the Phipps Institute, the \$1,000,000 gift of Henry Phipps of New York to the University of Pennsylvania, will be held today. The institute is considered the most complete institution for the study of tuberculosis in this country. At the ceremonies Mr. Phipps will receive a degree of Doctor of Laws.

DYNAMITE ENDS TEN SCORE LIVES

Train on Mexican Railway Blown to Pieces—Troops on Way to Alamos Checked by Attack of Rebels.

Nogales, Ariz., May 8.—Two hundred lives are reported lost in the train disaster at Den, near the Sinaloa-Conora border yesterday. State troop leaders declare the train bearing 250 federal soldiers was not dynamited by stealth. It is said the insurgents fired into the train, exploding a car of dynamite which the federals were conveying to Guaymas.

Only 50 of the passengers are reported to have escaped death and others were wounded. The troops were moving from San Blas, in northern Sinaloa, to Alamos, below Guaymas, from which point the insurgents feared they would proceed to reinforce the garrison defending the gulf port.

EDGEFIELD FIELD YIELDS GOLD

Tenant Plows Up \$400 Long Buried—Who Gets It?

Edgefield, May 8.—Yesterday, while working in the field on Mr. Prescott's place, in the Rehoboth section of the county, a tenant plowed up an iron pot, containing about \$400 in gold. By whom it was buried is not known, although from the appearance of the vessel it must have been many years ago.

Some question has been suggested as to who is entitled to the money, the finder or the owner of the land, or if the latter has any interest whatever in it. It seems to be the opinion that, under the law, the finder is entitled to it, in the absence of the real owner.

COUNTY NEWS

DOUGLAS.

Special to The News.
Douglas, May 8.—The farmers of this community are getting along fine with their farms. We are all just about through planting cotton seed, but have planted very little corn.

A goodly number of our young people attended the annual picnic at Great Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibson spent Sunday with friends in Lancaster. Mr. Frank Green and sister, Miss Mildred, made a short visit at the home if Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Green a few days ago.

There will be two services at Douglas church on the third Sunday, May 18th. Rev. Hugh R. Murchison has invited his congregation at Lancaster to come out, and an unusually large congregation is expected as communion services will be held on that day. Mr. Murchison wants everybody to come that can and bring dinner and have lunch on the grounds.

This community is blessed with a good Sunday school, which is practicing for Children's Day services, which will be some time in the near future.

ELGIN.

Special to The News.
Elgin, May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. James Beckham of Columbia visited Mr. Beckham's father, Mr. Robert Beckham, last week.

Misses Maud and Eva Mae Duren attended the annual picnic at Great Falls Saturday.

Messrs. James Kirby and Carl Duren also attended the picnic at Great Falls.

Miss Maggie Bailey visited her sister, Mrs. James Ferguson, of Lancaster last week.

Misses Alice and Myrtle Beckham are spending a while with relatives at Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bailey and children spent Sunday in Lancaster with Mr. Walter Stewman.

Mr. James Cauthen of Dry Creek spent Sunday with Mr. Robert Beckham.

Mr. Clyde Stogner spent Saturday night and Sunday in Lancaster with friends.

Mr. John Bailey, who has been quite sick, is able to be about again.

HEATH SPRING.

Special to The News.
Heath Spring, May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mobley, with their children, Louise, Everett and Heyward, spent Saturday and Sunday with C. B. Mobley and family in Columbia.

Mrs. Cora Bailey and Mrs. Commodore Hinson are with their mother, Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, for a few days.

Brummett Mobley is at home from Furman University, recuperating after being sick for several days. He expects to return to Furman in time for the spring examinations.

The interior of the Baptist church is much improved in appearance by the thorough renovation recently given it by the painters.

The annual conference of Sumter district, M. E. church, is in session with the Heath Spring Methodist church. About fifty delegates, representing the various churches in the district, are in attendance.

Mr. H. H. Horton of Lancaster is among the representatives to the Methodist conference.

Mrs. Walter Hough spent Wednesday afternoon in Kershaw.

Mr. J. H. Hamel, of The Kershaw Era, is attending the district conference of the M. E. church, here.

YEGGMEN CRACK POSTOFFICE SAE

Blow Open "Keester" in Store at Barr—Officers on the Trail—At Once Begin Work in Endeavor to Locate the Men Who Did the Work.

Lexington Special to Columbia State, May 8.—The store of the late George H. Roof at Barr, four miles south of Lexington, was entered by robbers at an early hour this morning who blew the safe in which the United States postoffice money was deposited, secured \$80 in money and made their departure. The robber or robbers gained entrance by means of sawing into one of the heavy iron rods across the window. The safe was torn to pieces by the explosion and is a complete wreck, the door being carried for a distance of several feet. The robbers were content to leave with the money, nothing else being missed. The work was evidently done by professional safe-crackers. Near the safe was found a lot of soap. The supposition is that nitroglycerine was used.

Rudolph Oswald, who lives a short distance from the store, just across the railroad, heard an explosion at 12:15 this morning. Mr. Oswald arose and looked out of the window to his bed room, but seeing no one and hearing no noise of any kind again retired. The robbery was not discovered until early this morning, when Miss Arrie Gregory, who is in charge of the store, went to open it for the day.

Sheriff Miller was notified and he went at once to Barr, carrying a posse with him. Only one track was found leading from the railroad to the building. The party appeared to be walking on tiptoe in order to conceal his tracks. The sheriff trailed the man on the railroad going toward Columbia, and it is thought that the robber reached Columbia by daylight, as the distance is only about 16 miles.

The people at Barr noticed four strangers lurking around the town on Tuesday afternoon, and a watch was put on for Tuesday night, the suspicions of the people having been aroused. These four men appeared in the Roof store, bought some tobacco and cold drinks and left the town. These men were of large, rough build, dark complexioned and dark hair. One was peculiarly tall, it is said.

Sheriff Miller notified the police department in Columbia to be on the lookout for the suspects, and it is thought that the men will be apprehended unless they should have boarded an outgoing train.

Miss Gregory, acting postmaster at Barr since the death of George B. Roog some weeks ago, notified the postoffice department of the robbery today, and it is expected that the postoffice department will also get busy on the case.

This is the third time that the Roof store has been entered during the last few months but the first time that explosives have been used. Barr is without either a police officer or night watchman.

PRIMUS.

Special to The News.
Primus, May 8.—We noticed in your last issue where some visitors have been through the Antioch section, and found the land and community in such a good condition. They ought to visit the Primus section, and see how good a condition our land is in, and see if they think we will make any 8 and 10 cent cotton this fall.

"Look out farmers!" You had better make your debts according to those prices unless kind Providence takes the crops in hand.

People are very near through planting, with the exception of a few who will not be done until it rains, on account of hard and dry land.

The sick in our community is about straight, with the exception of Mrs. E. B. Wright, and she is no better yet.

Mrs. Maude Bowers and little son, Farris, visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Catoe Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Adams visited Mrs. Almetta Mosier Tuesday.

Mr. E. B. Wright visited Mr. Harrison Small Sunday.

Mr. E. R. Jenkins and Mr. Roach Vincent visited Mr. Willie Hunter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers and little daughter, Sadie, and son, J. L., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McManus Saturday.

Rev. B. F. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers and Mrs. B. F. Adams were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wright Sunday.

Lumber Plant Sold.

The Moore Lumber & Manufacturing Co. has sold its plant at this place to Mr. W. T. Gregory, who will continue the business, with his son-in-law, Mr. W. F. Harper, and perhaps others.

Lancaster's Cotton Crop.

The latest census bureau report shows that the number of bales of cotton raised in Lancaster county for the year 1912 was 26,144 as against 31,137 for 1911 and 24,556 for 1910. The report shows that Marlboro leads the other counties of the state with Orangeburg second and Spartanburg third.